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SOURCE : SEE BELOW.

1. SOURCE OF PARAGRAPHS 3-4: [A MEDIUM LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WITH GOOD ACCESS TO OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.] HIS REPORTING IS FAIRLY RELIABLE. (S)

2. (FIELD COMMENT: SANTIAGO EMBASSY TELEGRAM 10107 OF 19 OCTOBER REPORTED THAT THE CHILEAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAD BEEN KEEPING AN EYE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF CUBAN EXILE LEADER ORLANDO B O S C H, AND WAS NOW REVIEWING ALL ITS INFORMATION, PRESUMABLY IN LIGHT OF HIS RECENT ARREST IN VENEZUELA.)

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3. ON 15 OCTOBER, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS ASSEMBLED

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A FILE ON BOSCH AT THE REQUEST OF ADMIRAL PATRICIO Chile CARVAJAL, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THE FILE CONSISTS MAINLY OF EXCHANGES OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE CHILEAN EMBASSY IN SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CONCERNING BOSCH'S ARREST IN SAN JOSE IN MARCH 1976, AND THE FACT THAT HE HAD CHILEAN IDENTITY DOCUMENTS IN HIS POSSESSION.

4. THE DOCUMENTS INCLUDED A BIRTH CERTIFICATE, IDENTITY CARD, TAX IDENTIFICATION CARD AND PASSPORT, ALL IN THE NAME OF RICARDO RAMON PAVANZO CERUTI. THE PASSPORT WAS ISSUED IN CHILE IN 1966, AND HAD NEVER BEEN RENEWED. (SOURCE COMMENT: CHILEAN PASSPORTS NORMALLY REQUIRE RENEWAL EVERY TWO YEARS.) THE PASSPORT CONTAINED ONE CHILEAN EXIT STAMP, DATED 1966, AND NO INDICATION THAT IT HAD SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN USED TO ENTER OR EXIT CHILE. IT CONTAINED MANY EXIT AND ENTRY STAMPS INDICATING EXTENSIVE TRAVEL BY ITS BEARER IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND PANAMA, BETWEEN 1966 AND MARCH 1976. THE PASSPORT AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION WAS SHOWN TO CHILEAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN SAN JOSE BY COSTA RICAN OFFICIALS; HOWEVER, THE COSTA RICANS DID NOT GIVE THE DOCUMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OFFICIALS.

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5. SOURCE OF PARAGRAPHS 6-7: [AN OFFICIAL CHILEAN SERVICE.] (S)

6. IN MID-APRIL 1976, THE DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (DINA) RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT BOSCH HAD JUST ARRIVED IN CHILE WITH A CONTRACT TO ASSASSINATE A HIGH LEVEL CHILEAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL (UNIDENTIFIED). ACCORDING TO DINA, BOSCH EVADED AN ARREST ACTION ON 10 APRIL, ESCAPING BY A MATTER OF MINUTES BUT LEAVING BEHIND ALL HIS CLOTHES AND TWO PASSPORTS.

7. ON 29 APRIL, DINA, HOWEVER, SUCCESSFULLY APPREHENDED ROLANDO O T E R O HERNANDEZ, AN ASSOCIATE OF BOSCH, WHO ALONG WITH THE LATTER WAS WANTED AS A FEDERAL FUGITIVE IN THE UNITED STATES. IN EARLY MAY, DINA INFORMED THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) OF OTERO'S ARREST, AND SUBSEQUENTLY TURNED OTERO OVER TO FBI AGENTS FOR RETURN AND PROCESSING IN THE UNITED STATES. (FIELD COMMENT: [HVC]-7328 (TDFIRDB-315/ (S) 01696-76) FROM AN UNTESTED SOURCE WITH ACCESS TO CUBAN EXILES REPORTED THAT OTERO WAS PLANNING TO ASSASSINATE CHILEAN MARXIST EXTREMIST ANDRES P A S C A L ALLEANDE, AND THAT HE WAS WORKING UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT. DINA'S ARREST AND DEPORTATION TO THE U.S. OF

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OTERO RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ALLEGATION OF CHILEAN GOVERNMENT SPONSORSHIP OF OTERO AND HIS GROUP.)

8. FIELD DISSEM: EMBASSY AT SANTIAGO; SENT TO CARACAS.

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